Trinity Road

Trinity Road, Jan. 19.- Well, we are back again, although our news was not published last week. Try again. (Note: last week's letter is carried today on Page Seven).

Miss Ann Cabell was the guest of Miss Virginia Herndon Sunday.

Miss Annie Alvis left Saturday for Richmond, Kentucky, to resume her duties as teacher, after being home for several months due to the illness and death of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Alvis, Sr.

Kenneth Alvis accompanied her back. On his return here, he and Mrs. Alvis and little daughter, Lucy Ann left for their home in Newport News.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Drinkard and son, Tye Cobb, and W. E. Bondurant spent Sunday at Camp Pickett with Clayton Drinkard, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Stratton, Miss Edna Adcock and Mrs. B. D. Stratton attended the Thompson and Stratton wedding and reception in Roanoke Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Stratton have returned from their honeymoon.

Miss Virginia Herndon visited Miss Ann Cabell Monday night.

Some of our Appomattox farmers were on the air this A. M., 8:30, speaking about the tobacco market.

Mrs. Ola Pattrick and daughter, Patsy visited friends in Brookneal over the week-end.

Martin Krause expects to go by plane to visit relatives in Missouri this week-end.

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Rocks News

Rocks, Jan. 18.- Farmers are busy working on timber.

Mrs. W. F. Ranson spent a few days recently with her daughter, Mrs. C. M. Evans, at Charlotte Court House.

Work on the floor at the church moved on nicely last week. Quite a few of the members went out and helped.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Frank Ranson and children spent last Sunday with her parents, at Darlington Heights.

Mrs. D. S. Arrington returned from the hospital last week.

Ann Ranson fell Sunday and cut her forehead.

Mrs. Ted Almond was able to be at church Sunday. Also Mrs. Richard Inge, who had been ill.

Mrs. D. W. Dinkins, of Lynchburg spent Saturday night with Mrs. W. F. Ranson.

Henry Dickerson, of Lynchburg spent Friday night in the same home.

Mrs. Henry Dickerson and daughter, Louise, and Buddy Ray, came down Sunday for Mr. Dickerson.

Mr. and Mrs. Holmsey Inge, Jr. and children, of Appomattox were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ranson and family Sunday.

The Rev. and Mrs. C. G. Carter were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Elder Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hudson Dickerson, of Brookneal were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. K. Almond Sunday.

Danny Dickerson spent Sunday with Samuel Dickerson.

Quite a number attended the B. T. U. meeting at Liberty on Friday night. Rocks B. T. U. received the banner again for the quarter.

Quite a few attended the funeral of Elijah Cumby, who was buried Sunday afternoon. He was quite well known around here.

Rodney Roach was helping Frank Ranson a few days last week.

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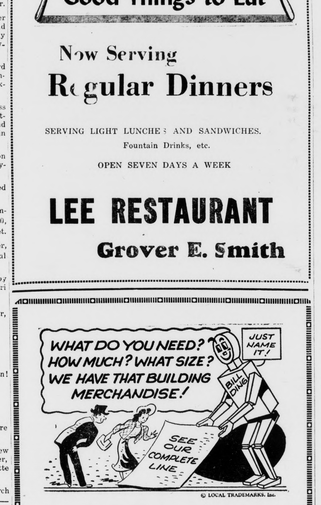

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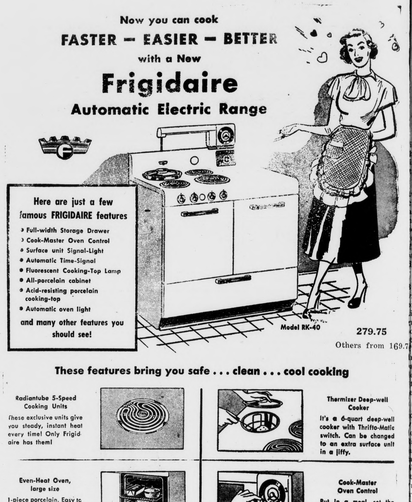

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Father Darkleaf's Column
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Williamsburg, Virginia is a "living laboratory" of early American history and is visiting by more tourists than perhaps any other spot in the Old Dominion.

Since November - that's less than two months - over 3,700 school children from Virginia, Maryland and North Carolina have toured the historic and picturesque colonial scenes for a dramatic lesson in colonial life. Some 20,000 students from 376 schools toured the restored colonial capital in groups during the last school year.

From November 1 through March 31, special arrangements are provided by Colonial Williamsburg in order that more individual attention may be given to the school groups who are integrating a visit to Williamsburg with classroom study of colonial life and history. To teach thousands of school children as well as their parents how early Americans lived and how they developed ideas of democracy is one of the purposes emphasized in the restored city.

School children may visit the reconstruc ed Capital on the spot where Patrick Henry spoke out in the Raleigh Tavern where early action in the cause of independence was won by such men as George Washington, Thomas Jefferson and other distinguished patriots; the Public Gaol, where colonial debtors, criminals and even pirates were imprisoned; the Governor's Palace, elaborate mansion of the king's representative to the Virginia Colony; and such fascinating spots as the Apothecane Shop and Forge, where a blacksmith in eighteenth work clothes plies his trade in the manner of two centuries ago.

Settled as Middle Plantation in about 1633, Williamsburg was created as an outpost against Indian invasions. It became the Capitol of Virginia in 1699, receiving then its name of Williamsburg in honor of William III, of England. It became the political, cultural, economic and religious center of the largest and most populous of the English-American Colonies.

The College of William and Mary was established at Williamsburg in 1693.

The restoration of the Colonial City was undertaken by Mr. John D. Rockefeller, Jr. at the suggestion of the late Rev. Dr. W. A. R. Goodwin. The restoration is still in progress, although over $17 million has been spent. Thus far 690 modern buildings have been demolished or removed from the Colonial area and 231 Colonial buildings have been reconstructed, most of them on original foundations. And 84 Colonial buildings have been restored and restored. Many gardens have been restored to their original loveliness, including those of the fabulous Governor's Palace.

Each year more than half a million persons come to see Williamsburg. They have come from every state in the Union and from fifty foreign countries.

In some buildings of the restoration are to found examples of the Betty lamp, which was commonly used in early Virginia. These lamps were of primitive type, made of iron and hung by a chain. The first such lamps were of Dutch make and were called Betty lamps from the German name "Besser" which meant "better." The open Betty, or slot lamp was forged from a single piece of iron, or cast of gray, coarse iron, pear-shaped and flat on top and bottom. Then came the Betty lamp with a top, one part of which formed a hinged lid. Hung on the end of a mantle or looked over the back of a chair, the tin Betty lamp was made in Newbery, Mass. in 1683.

Franco tells U. S. that Russian expansion must be halted.

Senate chaplain dies at the age of 46.

U. S. to ask steel allocation.

Home Agent's Schedule For Next Week

Home Demonstration Agent's schedule, week of Jan. 31, Feb. 5:

Monday, Jan. 31. At the office.

Tuesday, Feb. 1.- The Lee Home Demonstration Club will meet at 2:00 P. M., with Mrs. R. W. Morris. The demonstration on reading house plans will be given by the leader, Mrs. H. A. Gurney.

Wednesday, Feb. 2.- The Glendale Home Demonstration Club will meet at 2:00 P. M. with Mrs. Roy Nash. The demonstration on reading house plans will be given by the leaders, Mrs. F. J. Nash, Sr. and Mrs. F. J. Nash, Jr.

Thursday, Feb. 3.- The Hixburg Home Demonstration Club will meet at 2:00 P. M. with Mrs. E. P. Sears. The demonstration on reading house plans will be given by the club leaders, Mrs. Sears and Mrs. R. W. Covington.

Friday, Feb. 4.- The Vera 4-H Club girls will meet at 1:00 P. M. for a demonstration on making cookies.

High School Chatter....

Hello, everyone.

Gee, what's happened to everyone! There doesn't seem to be much news this week. I suppose everyone has been busy with exams.

I guess these people weren't worried too much about exams Friday night: Mackie and Earl, Charlie and June, Tom and Virginia (Lewis), Harold and Eulalia, Saturday was awfully quiet. We only saw Mackie and Buddy, Alice and Jerry.

Sunday night we saw Dick and Mary Ellen, Alfred Ray and Nina, Mackie and Buddy.

The 11th graders were very much excited Monday when they were told their class rings had come. They are convinced that their rings are the prettiest class rings they have ever seen—even though they are like all the others.

Dr. Twyman Williams gave a very interesting talk about General Robert E. Lee in chapel last week. We are sure everyone enjoyed it. The school library was presented with two books—one with portraits and photographs of General Lee and the other about Confederate stamps. These books were presented by a U. D. C. representative, Mrs. J. A. Burke.

Everyone is excited about the Canteen Party Friday night, sponsored by the Monogram Club. It is the first one we have had for quite awhile.

The 11th graders are very fortunate to be getting a new Chevrolet with which Mr. Bragg will teach them driving if they don't already have a permit.

Mrs. Jobe's room has charge of Assembly this week. We are looking forward to an interesting program.

Our personality this week is an 11th grade girl—about 5' 2" has pretty, dark, wavy hair—blue eyes —always wears a friendly smile and always speaks to you—has only been going to school here four months but has made many friends —is now president of the Home Economics Club and was elected vice-president to the Longwood Federation of Future Homemakers of America—is the SCA representative from the 11th grade girls. If you haven't guessed by now you never will—she is Rebecca Rush.

Lions Club

The Appomattox Lions Club will meet tonight at 6:45. The dinner meeting will be held at the Lee Restaurant.

Maryland budget for 1950 sets a new high record.

Nationalists quit Nanking.

Bevin urges nations of world to back Truman plan.

Road Program For Virginia Is Explained

The overall improvement of Virginia's secondary highway system has been one of the most significent postwar road developments in the state, a spokesman for the State Highway Department declared this week.

Considering the relative amount of traffic, the secondary system of farm-to-market and RFD routes is more advanced than the primary system, the spokesman said.

This is because 39 per cent of all highway revenue is expended on the secondary roads, he explained, although the secondary roads carry less than 20 per cent of the total traffic volume and therefore earn less than 20 per cent of the total revenues.

During the past two fiscal years, the spokesman said, more than 1,975 miles of unimproved secondary roads were hard-surfaced and thousands of miles were stabilized. During both years, school busses traveled their routes without losing a school day due to mud on the roads.

Of the 38,500 miles in the secondary system, less than 5,000 were resurfacing of some kind (blacktop or crushed stone) as 1948 drew to a close.

Despite the postwar development of the secondary system, the spokesman said, there have been several requests that a greater proportion of highway funds go into the improvement of the secondary road system.

"Few people realize," one member of the Highway Commission recently, "that all of the money for improvement and maintenance of Virginia highways comes from the highway user himself in the form of taxes and licences. Therefore, most of the funds that we have to spend come from the travelers on our main highways or primary road system."

"It is not only fair to modernize the primary roads, and to keep them in good condition, but it is essential to traffic safety and it is good business. Better roads create more traffic and consequently earn more revenue. We know that it is hard for the average rural dweller to understand when he sees news reports of large sums being expended on the main highways," the Commission member continued.

Latin Club

The Latin Club of A. H. S. held a meeting on Friday, January 21. New officers were sworn in by pontifex maximus, Byron Babcock. They are: Imperator, Howlette Martin; imperator secundus, Mary Ellen Ramsey; scriba, Betty Wingfield; nunita, Virginia Lewis. Suitable offerings were made to the Roman god, Janus, god of new beginnings, for whom the month of January was named. The members of the club whose birthdays were in January were greeting with a Latin birthday song.

The program for the afternoon was a debate given by the second year Latin students. Inez Hanenkrat, Anne Waller were on the affirmative side, against Howlette Martin and Betty Wingfield, who spoke on the negative side. The subject was: Resolved, That the classic style of dress worn by the Romans was more suitable than that of today. The judges, three of the honorary members, decided that the affirmative had the honor of winning the debate. —Virginia Lewis.

Teen-Age Club

The last meeting of the Jolly-Teen Age Age's was held in the home of Mrs. Henry Pack on January 20. The main purpose of this meeting was to elect officers for the year 1949. They are as follows:

President, Faye Wood
Vice-pres., Rebecca Babcock
Recording secretary, Kathryn Burkey
Corresponding secretary and treasurer, Shirley Morris
Reporter, June Holt.
Hostess, Shirley Davis.

Pamplin High School Homemakers

Members of the Future Homemakers Chapter of the Pamplin High School. Left to right: Doris Wilson, Tola Coleman, Jean Jennings, Naomi Meadows, Shelby Williams, Irene Simmons, Ann Talley

Funeral Service For Mrs. Price

Funeral services were conducted yesterday at Evergreen for Mrs. Goin Price, of Richmond, who was slain Sunday in Richmond. Frank L. Taylor, 55, of Richmond, is being held on charges of shooting Mrs. Price and injuring two others.

She is survived by her mother, Mrs. Mary Taylor Goin; two brothers, Joel M. Goin, of Evergreen and Lloyd J. Goin, of Lynchburg; and five sisters: Mrs. Andrew Peyton Seay and the Misses Rosa Sali, Barbara Ann, and Evelyn L. Goin, all of this county, and Mrs. Paul Irving, of Hixburg.

Church Officers Are Installed

Installation services were held for the Women's Missionary Union of Liberty Baptist Church on Wednesday afternoon, January 19, at which time the following officers were inducted for 1949:

President, Mrs. J. C. Caldwell
First vice-president, Mrs. Virginia Marks
Second vice-pres., Mrs. J. Marshall Walker
Treasurer, Mrs. Don Moses
Secretary, Mrs. W. J. LeGrand
Community Missions Chairman, Mrs. James Whitehead
Social Chairman, Mrs. Robert Hubbard.
Mrs. Vernelle Mitchell will be the Young Peoples' Director, with the following counselors for the young peoples' organizations:
Sunbeams, Miss Carolyn Smith and Miss Laura McFadden
Junior Girls' Auxiliary, Mrs. C. S. Booth
Intermediate Girls' Auxiliary, Mrs. Duane Conner
Junior Royal Ambassadors, Mr. Melvin Atkinson
Intermediate Royal Ambassadors Mr. George Abbitt, Jr.
Young Womans' Auxiliary, Mrs. Alfred Harwood, Jr.

Two new Circles have been formed. One is for the business women with Mrs. Virginia Marks as leader. This will be known as the Hazel Dixon Circle. The other Circle has Mrs. Carey Jefferson as leader, and has taken the name of the Maud McCain Circle.

No Draftees Next 2 Months

The County Selective Service Office stated this week that no Appomattox County men would be drafted during either February or March.

10th Graders

The 10th grade pupils of Appomattox High School have elected the following officers:

President, Sam Davisson
Vice-pres., Helen Mae Poe
Secretary, Barbara Carter
Treasurer, Jimmy Harris
Reporter, Malcolm Blackwell.
Class sponsors are Mr. Bragg and Mrs. Crawley.

Plan Dedication McLean House

With the approaching completion of the rebuilt McLean House at the famous Appomattox Surrender Grounds, plans will soon be made for an adequate and proper dedication of the handsome brick building, keystone of the restoration of the Surrender Grounds by the National Park Service.

A committee to head up the plans for this event has been named and consists of: Judge Joel W. Flood, L. Crawley, C. W. Smith, W. M. Abbitt, G. F. Abbitt, Jr. and H. A. Gurney.

Outside work on the McLean House restoration is within sight of completion. Whether or not the house can be completed in time for dedication this April 9th, anniversary of the ending of the War Between the States here in 1865, remains in doubt. That date would be the obvious choice for dedication ceremonies. Meanwhile, attention is being directed to the suitable furnishing of the house and the assembling of all possible items in any way connected with the Surrender at Appomattox. Attention is also being focused on the possible rebuilding of the original old Appomattox Court House, and restoration of other key structures in the famous village.

For many years Appomattox has planned and hoped for the restoration of the Surrender Grounds so that this area could assume a major place among the list of Virginia's historical attractions. The National Park Service has done a great amount of preparatory work to this end.

Community Work Shop

The Community Work Shop will meet Thursday night, January 27, at 8:00 o'clock in the high school library.

Dr. and Mrs. Jess Ogden, of the University of Virginia, will be present to lead the discussion.

State Pig Crop

State swine breeders have been producing at near capacity for several years, and likely will not join the nation in an expected increase in the spring pig crop, says G. C. Herring, animal husbandman at V. P. I.

Reports from Virginia farmers indicate they expect about 88,000 sows to farrow in the state during the 1949 spring period - December 1 to June 1. This is the same as the 1948 spring total. If the 1948 spring average of 6.5 pigs per litter is maintained, this would mean another spring crop of about 572,000 head.

U. S. bureau of agricultural economics forecasts point to a 14 per cent increase nationally in the number of sows to farrow this spring. Herring explains that this increase, while it would raise production above the 10-year average, would be to some extent a recovery from a poor year in 1948, caused by a poor corn crop the previous year.

Joe Louis may fight in June.

Must Report On Soil Practices For Payments

Appomattox County farmers, expecting to receive payments for practices carried out under the 1948 Agricultural Conservation Program, and who have not yet reported what they did, had better get busy immediately. Such was the warning issued this week by Bennett Harding, Chairman of the County ACA Committee, who stated that Tuesday, February 15, 1949, is the last day on which farmers may file 1948 ACP Performance reports with the County ACA office.

"There's only a short time left," Mr. Harding said, "and to date the county office has on file 1948 performance reports from only 575 farmers whereas we are expecting a total of 650 reports to be filed. Unless these outstanding reports are made right away, I am afraid some of our farmers will be a long time getting their checks." He pointed out that farmers who delay until the last minute to report also delay the County Office in preparing applications for payment. These applications must be processed by the State PMA Office and the Treasury Department, before checks can be issued and the Treasury Department will soon be very busy with the 1948 income tax refunds.

At the same time 1948 performance is reported, Mr. Harding said farmers also may sign farm worksheets to indicate the practices they intend to carry out under the 1949 Agricultural Conservation Program.

W. A. Swan Died Yesterday

Mr. William Alexandria Swan died at his home near Hixburg last night at 8:30. He was 76 years of age. He was the son of Alexandria and Allie Wilkerson Swan, and was a native of this county.

He is survived by the following children: William Alexandria, Jr., of Pamplin; Mrs. S. W. Brockwell, of Newport News; Mrs. R. E. McClenny, of Pamplin. He also leaves one brother, H. B. Swan, of Bluefield, W. Va.; and four sisters: Mrs. N. S. Topping, Pamplin; Mrs. Ray Young, Prospect; Mrs. C. C. Rosser, Pamplin, and Mrs. Colyer Parks, Lynchburg.

Time and place of funeral had not been announced as we go to press.

Mr. Swan was a highly esteemed citizen of this county. For many years he was Hixburg correspondent for this newspaper, and always took a keen interest in public affairs. Deepest sympathy is extended to the loved ones.

March of Dimes Square Dance

It was announced this week that a square dance for the benefit of the County March of Dimes fund will be given at Club Appo Friday, February 11, from 9 to 12. A large group of favorite local musicians will furnish music. Tickets will go on sale this week-end.

Florida Tourists To Visit Va.

Richmond, Va., Jan. 24.- Travel counselors of Automobile Clubs throughout Florida have accepted an invitation to tour Virginia in April, the Virginia Travel Council announced this week. The tour will be made to acquaint Floridians with the advantages of Virginia as a summer vacationland and as a part of a Travel Council campaign to influence Florida travel directors to tell Florida's winter visitors to stop in Virginia enroute north this spring. It will be jointly sponsored by the Council and the State Department of Conservation and Development.

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